

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 8986

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MOPS, CASG, IT, CG

SUBJECT: SHABA INCURSIONS

REF: STATE 122848

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, WE ASKED MFA DIRECTOR FOR  
AFRICAN AFFAIRS RACHELE IF ITALIANS WOULD BE WILLING TO  
APPROACH ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF U. S. CITIZENS,  
SHOULD NEED ARISE. RACHELE SAID THAT GOI WAS ALWAYS WILLING  
TO UNDERTAKE SUCH TASKS AND WOULD THUS BE WILLING TO CONVEY  
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OUR CONCERNS. HE ASSUMED OUR REQUEST WAS IN TERMS OF LAST  
YEAR'S ENTRY INTO ANGOLA OF REFUGEES AND THOUGHT THAT SHOULD  
U.S. REFUGEES REACH ANGOLAN TERRITORY, GOA WOULD BE WILLING  
TO HELP THEM.

2. AS TO SHABA INCURSION ITSELF, RACHELE THOUGHT THAT IT  
IS LARGELY INSURRECTION WITHIN THE PROVINCE SUPPORTED BY

SOME INFILTRATORS FROM ANGOLA THROUGH ZAMBIA. ITALIANS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT CUBANS, ANGOLANS, OR SOVIETS ARE SUPPORTING INSURRECTION. RATHER, IT IS LARGELY AN INTERNAL UPRISING PROVOKED, SAID RACHELE SARCASTICALLY, BY MOBUTU'S "WELL-KNOWN EFFICIENCY AND POPULARITY" ALONG LINES OF RECENT TROUBLES IN KIVU PROVINCE. IN ANY CASE, RACHELE ADDED, ANGOLANS ARE DENYING RESPONSIBILITY IN CURRENT UPHEAVAL AND WOULD NOT BE LIKELY TO BE OF HELP TO U.S. CITIZEN REFUGEES STILL IN ZAIRIAN TERRITORY. GARDNER

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